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Gravois Arm Sewer District Extends Sewer Service with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds

GRAVOIS MILLS, Missouri – October 19, 2010 – Agricultural Administrator for Rural Utilities Service, Jonathan Adelstein and USDA Rural Development State Director, Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, today presented a Certificate of Appreciation to officials of the Gravois Arm Sewer District.

“The ability to provide safe, reliable water is a basic requirement for those who live and work in rural America. The long term partnership USDA has with rural communities helps improve the quality of life and economic opportunities so that rural areas can continue to grow and prosper,” said Adelstein.

The certificate was presented in recognition of the Gravois Arm Sewer District and their efforts to stimulate the economy by utilizing loan funds of \$5,009,000 and a grant of \$2,064,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The USDA Rural Development funds will be used to extend sanitary sewer service to customers in the Millstone Lodge area, Red Hollow Road area, Towering Oak area, and the Morgan County R-III Elementary School. The existing Millstone Lodge pumping station will be changed to discharge to the recently completed Gravois Arm Sewer District treatment plant. The system will also pick up the Serenity Cove treatment plant and other waste in the area. The system will provide 882 users with improved waste water services. The Gravois Arm Sewer District serves a population of 5,303 residents.



Pictured, left to right: Robert Hagedorn, Office of U.S. Representative Ike Skelton; Larry Leetch, Sewer District Secretary; Karen Thornton, bookkeeper; Steve Thornton, bookkeeper; Dave Taylor, Sewer District President; Shelly Hall, Project Engineer, Schultz & Summers Engineering; Bob Bebermeyer, Sewer Board Treasurer; Lois East, Area III Specialist, Rural Development; Allison Skare, Office of U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill; Anita J. (Janie) Dunning, Missouri State Director, Rural Development; and Jonathan Adelstein, Rural Utilities Service Administrator.

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“I am pleased to hear that with the help of competitive funds from the USDA, the Gravois Arm Sewer District treat plant will be able to extend sewer treatment services to the Millstone Lodge and Red Hollow Road areas,” U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill said. “These upgrades will extend much-needed service to additional residents and ensure that the waste management needs of Morgan County continue to be met.”

“At the Lake of the Ozarks, upgrades to the area’s wastewater treatment system are essential for environmentally-sustainable area development. These funds will allow Gravois Arm to expand sewer service to hundreds of new clients who live in the lake area and also help support the local economy through a variety of new construction jobs,” said U.S. Representative Ike Skelton.

“This project is very important to Gravois Arm Sewer District’s ongoing quest to extend sewer to its customers. Once this project is complete the “backbone” of the entire system will be complete and smaller neighborhood projects will be able to be constructed as additional funds become available,” said Stan Schultz, Principal Engineer for the project, of Schultz & Summers Engineering.

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of an environmentally safe wastewater system for Gravois Arm Sewer District,” said Dunning. “This project mirrors USDA Rural Development’s mission and President Obama’s initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities. I want to personally thank everyone that has worked together to make this project a reality. I am pleased that so many rural households will benefit from an adequate and dependable wastewater treatment system.”

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